Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) Parking meter ~~(PK)~~ comprising:

means for accessing a remote server ~~(SV)~~ via a predetermined communication network[[,]] ; and ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~

a short-range communication module adapted to dialog via a short-range radio or infrared channel with a short-range communication module of a remote terminal ~~(HH)~~ and routing means adapted to receive information from the remote terminal via this communication channel and to route that information to the remote server via the communication network and vice versa.

2. (currently amended) Parking meter according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the access means are adapted to access an Internet Protocol or like communication network.

3. Parking meter according to ~~either~~ claim 1 ~~or claim 2, characterized in that~~ wherein the short-range communication module is of the radio (WiFi or Bluetooth) or infra red (IrDA) type.

4. (currently amended) Installation <u>having</u> ~~comprising~~ a parking meter ~~(PK)~~ according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 3~~ and a remote terminal ~~(HH)~~, ~~characterized in that~~ <u>wherein</u> the remote terminal ~~(HH)~~ belongs to the group comprising portable or fixed computers, personal digital assistants and the like.

5. Method of access to a service using a parking meter equipped with means of access to a remote server ~~(SV)~~ via a predetermined communication network, ~~characterized in that it~~ <u>said method</u> comprises the following steps:

~~1.~~ equipping the parking meter with a short-range communication module[[,]] :

~~2.~~ equipping a remote terminal (HH) with a short-range communication module adapted to dialog with that of the parking meter[[,]] :

~~3.~~ <u>conducting a</u> dialog between the parking meter and the remote terminal ~~(HH)~~ by short-range communication[[,]] : and

~~4.~~ receiving information from the remote terminal by short-range communication and routing it to the remote server via the communication network and vice versa.